Setting up of polyester weaving centres

2734. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of cooperative polyester weaving centres proposed to be set up during 1986-87 in different states;

(b) whether Government propose to organise training programmes in weaving of polyester and polyester blended cloth during the year 1987; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) It is proposed to set up 117 Polyester Weaving Centres during 1986-87 in different States.

(b) and (c) 24 polyester Training Programmes of 12 days duration with 12 weavers each at the rate of Rs. 6000/- per programme have since been sanctioned for the implementation by Weavers Service Centres in association with Petrofils Ltd., Baroda for the year 1986-87. Under this programme the weavers are trained in polyester weaving and the beneficiaries are identified by Weavers Service Centres.

Reservation of certain varieties of cloth for Khadi Sector

2735. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to reserve certain varieties of cloth in favour of Khadi Sector as was done in favour of Handloom sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Financial scandal in the Hindustan Commercial Bank

2736. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Commercial Bank (HCB) H.O. Kanpur of whom the major controlling group is the J. K. Singhania network of industries is sunk under an estimated Rs. 45 crore 'Sticky' or unrecoverable advances ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the financial scandal was under the complete knowledge of the previous Boards and Chiefs of HCB as well as of the Reserve Bank of India and the Ministry of Finance;

(c) if so, what steps had been taken and are being taken by Government against the persons involved in the said scandal;

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-items published in "Blitz" of 28th June 1986 captioned "JKs 45 crores Bank Scandal"; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) to (e) Government have seen the news-item appeared in the 'Blitz' of 28th June, 1986 captioned "JK's 45 crore bank scandal". It has been alleged in the news item that the JK Group of Industries which were the major shareholders of the Hindustan Commercial Bank Ltd., Kanpur had been systematically draining the bank.

The affairs of the Hindustan Commercial Bank Ltd. was being closely monitored by the RBI. The bank was working under specific direction of RBI. RBI had taken a number of measures for improving the financial soundness and operational efficiency of the bank. However, inspite of the various measures taken by the RBI, the financial position of the bank was found to be deteriorating.

Reserve Bank of India had carried out an inspection of the Hindustan Commercial Bank Ltd. with reference to its position as on 27-9-1985. It was noticed that the financial position of the bank had reached a stage where it could no longer function as an independent viable unit. According to the estimate made by RBI its